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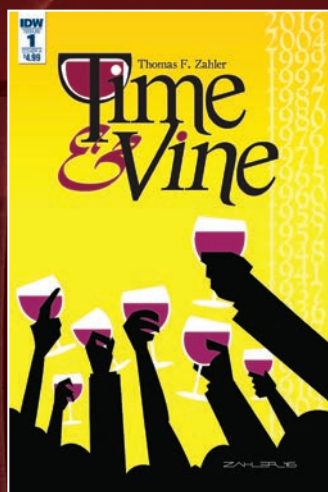
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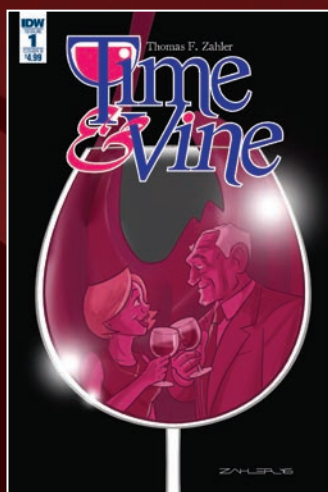
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--yes, yes, of course I found one, Jack. I *wouldn't* have asked you to trek into the city if I *hadn't*. Just let me have my moment.

You got *lucky*, too. I found it at an *estate sale* in Midland Park.

The collection *itself* was nothing amazing, but he *did* have one of *your* bottles.

Thank you, Patrick.

the County Cork

One of these days, my friend, you're going to have to tell me *why* this *particular* bottle from your own winery--

--is so *special*.







I remember *bottling this*. The rains weren't good that year, and we had a much smaller crop. I had no idea *how precious* it would become.





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I do so love  
it when we get  
the *party girl*  
crowd in.

Other people might  
*savor* their wine--*enjoy*  
it. But no, they *chug* it  
like it's *party-flavored*  
*Gatorade*.

I wonder  
what they are  
"celebrating".

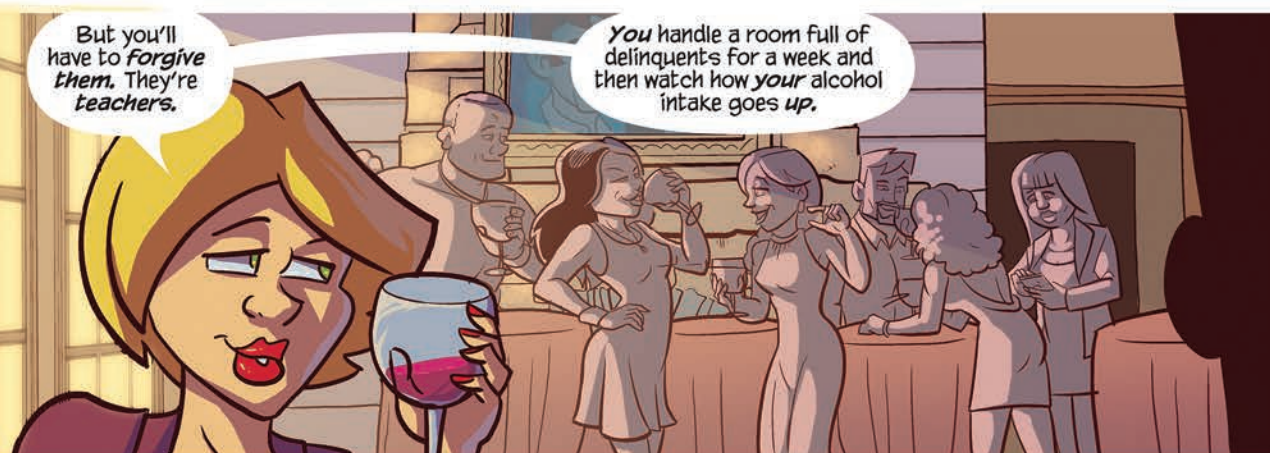
Me. They're  
celebrating  
*me*.





I *apologize*.  
That was rude.  
Sometimes I  
accidentally slip  
into my *native*  
*snark*.

No, you apparently  
slip into *truth*. It's fine.  
These *philistines* really  
do have *no idea* how to  
enjoy this wine.



But you'll  
have to *forgive*  
*them*. They're  
*teachers*.

You handle a room full of  
delinquents for a week and  
then watch how *your* alcohol  
intake goes *up*.



But how  
is this party  
for *you* if *you're*  
*here* and *they're*  
*there*?

Technically,  
I'm their *party*  
*excuse*.

They offered to  
take me out, get my  
mind off some things...  
so they had a reason to  
*guzzle some wine* and  
get their *groove*  
*on*.

And *what* is  
it that you need  
your mind *taken*  
*off of*?



If you're  
going to ask  
*that*, pour  
me *another*  
*glass*.





Darren, I'm sorry I'm late. I was--

--I know *full well* what you were doing, Jack. And I *understand*, as always.

Thank you. Go, take your break and a *little extra*. I'll take over.



But if you would take this *downstairs* on your way? And Darren--

As careful as can be. *As always*.

Thank you again.

Jack, you should talk to our guest here. Maybe *you* can figure out why she's *hiding out* here at the bar.



Hello, there. I'm Jack. *Jack Cadell*. I *own* this place.

Hi, Jack, I'm Megan Howe. I'm *drinking* this place.

Drink *all* you like. We'll make *more*.



I bet you say that to *all* the girls.

I say that to all my *customers*. It's how we stay in business.

So, let's see if I can *guess*:

Your friends suggested coming out to take your mind off *something*, but it's *still on*, isn't it?